#### VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 4 April 20, 2006

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5 may continue. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

**RUKIN BARNETT** 

(Last)

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

(First)

(Middle)

1455 VALLEY ROAD

(Street)

04/19/2006

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

04/19/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Α

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Ownership

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(Instr. 4)

Form:

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned Following

Reported

Transaction(s)

Beneficially

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 1. Title of Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) TransactionAcquired (A) or (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Month/Day/Year)

2,879

(1)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price \$0

34,341

18,982

D

Ι

6.

(I)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	•				(A) or						Repo
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					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						•
					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration		or		
							•	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RUKIN BARNETT 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X						

## **Signatures**

BARNETT RUKIN

04/19/2006

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted shares granted under the 2004 Director Restricted Stock Plan, which shares vests five years after grant date.

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